A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement [a] furnishing the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) About two years and four months. (Ten officers held the post between 11th October 1899 and 9th May 1923).

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) The power of appointment rests with the Governor-General in Council. The Local Government is consulted before the appointment is made.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know why the Local Government have not considered any scheme of appointing the local Indian Medical Service officers as Surgeon-General ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Because they are far below in the list."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—"They may be promoted by selection though not by seniority."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is no supplemental question."

Public Health

Appointment of propagandists by the South Arcot Temperance Committee

*1511 *Q.*—Mr. K. RAMACHANDRA PADAYACHI : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many propagandists the South Arcot Temperance Committee have appointed for the district ;

(*b*) to what communities they belong ;

(*c*) whether any propagandists have been appointed from the classes addicted to drinking ; and

(*d*) why no propagandist has been appointed from the Padayachi community and the Sembadava, Korava and other labouring classes ?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) A statement [b] showing the information is laid on the table. The Chairman, District Propaganda Committee, South Arcot, reports that applications for appointments as pracharakas were not received from persons belonging to the Sembadava, Korava and other labouring classes.

Registration

Promotion of clerks as Sub-Registrars in the Registration department.

*1512 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether any principles or rules govern the promotion of clerks as lower grade Sub-Registrars in the Registration department, and if so what they are, and whether the same will be laid on the table of the House ?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 399 infra. [b] Printed as Appendix III on pages 399-400 infra.

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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the rules published with the following notifications:—

(1) No. 15, Public (Services), dated the 24th September 1929, at pages 1777–1778 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 1st October 1929.

(2) No. 292, Public, dated the 2nd July 1929, at pages 1386–1388 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 23rd July 1929.

Alleged complaints against the Sub-Registrar of Chakapalle.

*1513 *Q.*—Mr. V. RAMJEE RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) the number of documents received for registration, (ii) the number of documents actually registered by the Sub-Registrar, Chakapalle, Kistna district, daily from the 15th January 1930 up to date and at what hour of the day the documents actually registered were received;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he returns all the documents received at 11 a.m. in excess of five a day, his maximum number, and if not, whether they will be pleased to call for the information;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that after 11 a.m. the Sub-Registrar does not receive any further documents;

(*d*) whether the Government have received any complaints that the parties who come from distant villages are put to great hardships as a result of the blunt refusal of the Sub-Registrar to receive not more than five documents a day and any document after 11 a.m.; and

(*e*) what action the Government intend taking in the matter?

A.— (*a*) to (*c*) The Government have no information, but have called for it.

(*d*) & (*e*) No.

Registered partition deeds in South Kanara.

*1514 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to lay on the table of the House the information received regarding my question No. 1422 answered on the 31st of January 1930 regarding registered partition deeds in South Kanara?

A.—A statement[a] is laid on the table.

Education

Qualifications, etc., of the Professors of English and Philosophy in the Presidency College.

*1515 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. C. ETHIRAJULU NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the qualifications of the present incumbents in the posts of additional Professor of English and Professor of Philosophy in the Presidency College;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 400 infra.